

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: William Devlin

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Title: Method For Increasing Throughput In An Automatic Clinical  
Analyzer By Duplicating Reagent Resources

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Sir:

In response to a final rejection in the Office Action dated July 23, 2009, relative to the above-identified application, a Request for Continued Examination is submitted along with this response. Prior to examination of the continued case on its merits, please enter the accompanying amendments under 37 CFR 1.116 as they are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.